

<b>TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b), 1.97(c), or 1.97(d)</b>			<b>Attny. Docket No. 2003B094</b>
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**37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

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**37 CFR § 1.97(d)**

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Applicant hereby request consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement, USPTO form 1449, submitted herewith.

☒ Legible copies of the references are enclosed.

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- ☐ Continuation / Divisional,
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